

CLAIMSWhat is claim d is:

1. An electrically conductive paste fireable in a neutral or reducing atmosphere comprising (a) 30 to 71 wt % conductive powder being selected from the group of copper powder, nickel powder and copper-nickel alloy powder and (b) an inorganic binder, both dispersed in an inert organic medium;
wherein the organic medium comprises at least one methyl methacrylate (MMA) polymer dissolved in solvent, said methyl methacrylate polymer having a number-average molecular weight of at least 100,000 and a weight-average molecular weight of at least 1,000,000, such that the methyl methacrylate polymer accounts for 2.0 to 9.0 wt % of the paste.
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2. The conductive paste of Claim 1 wherein the amount of the inorganic binder is in the range from 5 to 15 wt %, and the conductive powder and inorganic binder combined is in the range from 45.0 wt % to 76 wt %.
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3. The conductive paste of any one of Claims 1 or 2, wherein the organic medium further comprises ethyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, copolymers of acrylate compounds, or mixtures thereof.
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4. The conductive paste of any one of Claims 1-3, wherein the inorganic binder is selected from Si-B-Ba glass, Si-B-Pb glass, Si-B-Zn glass, or mixtures thereof.
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5. The use of the conductive paste of any one of Claims 1-4 as a terminal electrode composition for multilayer capacitors.
6. A method of forming a terminal electrode comprising:
 1. (a) forming the conductive paste of any one of Claims 1-4;

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- (b) coating the composition of (a) onto a terminal electrode-forming site of a multilayer capacitor; and
- (c) firing the multilayer capacitor in (b) to form a finished terminal electrode.

7. A multilayer capacitor utilizing the conductive paste of any one of Claims 1-4.